



## Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

Our global technology transactions and strategic sourcing lawyers have the market knowledge, legal experience and global presence to provide you with the highest quality legal services throughout the world.

Recognized by the legal directories as one of the preeminent practices and with vast global reach, our technology transactions and strategic sourcing practice concentrates on complex transactions and multi-party, high-value project work which frequently spans multiple jurisdictions. We focus on the development, protection, exploitation and use of intellectual property and technology-related assets through the stages of a company's growth, as well as the sourcing of strategic assets and services for use in a company's operations.

Our team has deep industry experience in a variety of sectors, allowing us to provide practical advice and innovative solutions along with market leading technical know-how. Our clients range from emerging companies to large global corporations.

Core areas include:

- Cloud computing
- e-Commerce
- IP development
- Licensing
- Open source
- Outsourcing
- Procurement
- Strategic alliances and joint ventures
- Technology transactions
- Telecommunications

Our proprietary ASCENDANT methodology and its associated unique software tools continue to differentiate us in the market and allow us to deliver services cost efficiently to clients around the globe.

Our **Global Sourcing Portal** is an information gateway for both private and public companies that are involved with strategic sourcing initiatives including the outsourcing of key operations. Clients use the Global Sourcing Portal to access a range of proprietary tools that DLA Piper has developed while working on some of the world's largest, most complex sourcing projects. These tools include:

**Sourcing Contract Dashboard** - An interactive, web-based contract assessment and reporting tool that answers the question "how good is this outsourcing contract compared to the market?"

**Requirements Builder** - An interactive tool that streamlines the critical "requirements capture" process at

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the start of outsourcing projects.

## EXPERIENCE

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- Advising one of Ireland's "pillar banks", on its outsourcing of core IT infrastructure services (following a competitive procurement process involving Atos, HP, HCL Technologies and IBM). We advised the bank throughout the process to final contract award and have since advised the bank on a number of other major sourcing engagements.
- Advising the world's largest travel and tourism company on the outsourcing of its IT, networks and main frame services to Dell, Wipro, T-Systems and IBM.
- Representing one of the world's largest beverage companies in connection with the global outsourcing of the company's finance, accounting, human resources and related information technology processes and functions in a deal valued at US\$350 million. This US- based deal involved UK and some additional European companies.
- Handling the strategic sourcing of certain call-center functions along with a complex transformation-driven outsourcing of a US-based telecommunications client's global order management functions. The transaction value was more than US\$350 million.
- Advising an Australian Government Department in relation to the outsourcing of the management of the Australian Synchrotron to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.
- Advising a leading Brazilian investment bank on their acquisition of the GlobeNet submarine cable network from Brazilian telecoms operator Oi in July 2013. At around US\$750 million this was one of the largest ever submarine cable acquisitions and our involvement focused on the critical capacity leaseback contract as well as on all the US regulatory elements.
- Advising a global Bank on the outsourcing of its worldwide payroll services, temp/permanent recruitment, and learning/training functions (combined value in excess of US\$1 billion).

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 September 2022

#### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

IRS releases draft Form 1040 with new cryptocurrency question; lawsuit may expand liability exposure of blockchain software developers.

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#### Liability exposure of blockchain software developers may be expanded

21 September 2022

#### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Wright's suit seeks to require 16 software developers to write patches enabling him to recover stolen crypto-assets – claiming they owe a fiduciary duty, which is an unprecedented new theory.

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#### Harnessing the power of data analytics to drive compliance

19 September 2022

#### [PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)

The age of data analytics in corporate compliance programs and regulatory enforcement is here.

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- Data Protection, Privacy and Security
- Patent Litigation

## RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance
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- Technology

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## The Ethereum Merge: what does the hard fork mean for my NFT licenses?

September 13, 2022

Some interesting questions arise in the event of a hard fork and the subsequent duplication of the then-existing Ethereum NFTs and their continuing co-existence on the divergent Ethereum blockchains.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

6 September 2022

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Federal agencies' reports on responsible development of digital assets are due to the President this week.

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## Tax and digital transformation in Latin America

30 August 2022

### [PANORAMA](#)

As Latin American companies navigate new technologies, they must consider relevant jurisdiction-specific laws.

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## Open Source Software issues in M&A transactions

25 August 2022

How to navigate the issues that arise in relation to the existence of Open Source Software components in software assets that are the subject of an M&A transaction.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

22 August 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Proposed legislation aims to strengthen CFTC oversight of crypto marketplace; SEC imposes automatic penalties for failure to comply with a consent order; NFT projects reconsider licensing strategies

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## NFT projects reconsider their licensing strategies

22 August 2022

CC0 has a number of significant risks because the enforceability of the abandonment is uncertain in many jurisdictions.

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## Colombia's National Mining Authority is tracking contracts on the blockchain: What can other Latin American countries learn from this experience?

18 August 2022

### [PANORAMA](#)

The Agency registers each mining concession contract as a non-fungible token, making it a unique, encrypted digital asset.

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## How the Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act of 2022 would broaden the CFTC's authority to regulate cryptocurrencies and other digital assets

17 August 2022

The DCCPA would aim to close regulatory gaps between state and federal regulation of cryptocurrencies, but to varying degrees.

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## FTC explores sweeping new rules on data privacy and protection

12 August 2022

The FTC is soliciting comment on a wide range of concerns.

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## ULC approves important new amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for state adoption

2 August 2022

The Amendments are wide ranging and cover a variety of topics and issues.

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## Operational resilience in the UK financial services sector: New requirements aimed at 'critical third parties' to be introduced

29 July 2022

Following the publication of the Financial Services and Markets Bill (FSM Bill) on 20 July 2022, the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA), the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Bank of England (BoE) (together, the Supervisory Authorities) on 21 July 2022 published their Discussion Paper P3/22 (the DP) that sets out how they may in the future use their collective powers designated under the FSM Bill to require those entities designated as 'critical third parties' (CTPs) to provide services to entities in the financial sector in a more resilient manner.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 July 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Bankruptcies begin for crypto firms as "crypto winter" settles in; two US states will tax income from NFT sales; agreement reached on EU's new MICA regulation

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## Data privacy bill in Congress would create federal enforcement over algorithms

29 June 2022

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

Policymakers are paying ever more attention to algorithms and the growing role they play in our lives.

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## Coming soon: a national security screening mechanism for outbound investments

28 June 2022

The US would not be alone in regulating outbound investment.

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## Digital Law Alert - June 2022

27 June 2022

## DIGITAL LAW ALERT

June's edition of our Digital Law Alert series summarises the key digital law news alerts from across the UK and the rest of Europe.

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### Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 June 2022

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

For those intrigued by the metaverse, and for creators building metaverse projects, here are practical considerations.

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### Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

16 June 2022

#### BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS

Responsible Financial Innovation Act, the new proposed crypto regulation bill, provides some clarity on tax issues.

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16 June 2022

The proposed tax provisions would, if enacted, address at least a few of the industry's largest complaints.

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### *Javier v. Assurance IQ, LLC et al.*: Ninth Circuit issues ruling in session-replay case

14 June 2022

The ruling leaves open a host of questions about the viability of session-replay cases under state wiretapping statutes.

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### Mexican labor law amendments impose restrictions on personnel subcontracting

14 June 2022

#### PANORAMA

In essence, the changes effectively prohibit employers in Mexico from subcontracting their personnel.

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### Congressional leaders reach bipartisan compromise on potential federal privacy legislation

2 June 2022

The proposed bill would preempt most state privacy laws and include a limited private right of action.

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### DC AG claims Meta CEO Zuckerberg personally accountable for Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal

24 May 2022

The suit is the latest effort by state Attorneys General to take a tougher line against tech companies over misleading privacy practices.

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### Biden Administration's Greenbook signals continued focus on taxation of cryptocurrency and digital assets

23 May 2022

The Greenbook outlines a number of tax proposals addressing trading and lending of cryptocurrency and digital assets.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 May 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

OECD releases public consultation document on crypto tax reporting in effort to increase transparency.

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23 May 2022

The proposed framework would provide for automatic exchange of tax-relevant information between tax administrations for cryptoasset transactions.

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## Texas social media law reinstated by Fifth Circuit

20 May 2022

The plaintiffs have appealed directly to the Supreme Court for an emergency stay.

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## DORA: the why, what and what next

18 May 2022

An overview of the key provisions of the Digital Operational Resilience Act.

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## Protecting your IP in Russia: Best practices, action steps

18 May 2022

### [INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS](#)

US companies may take action in Russia to protect their IP rights, notwithstanding US economic and trade sanctions.

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## Digital Law Alert - April 2022

2 May 2022

### [DIGITAL LAW ALERT](#)

This month we bring you another selection of top digital law news stories from across the UK and EU.

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## US escalates sanctions targeting Russian evasion networks, tech companies and cyber actors; signals more sanctions are on the way

5 April 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

These new measures supplement the extensive measures previously announced by the US government.

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## Digital Law Alert

30 March 2022

### [DIGITAL LAW ALERT](#)

Your regular tech law update from DLA Piper UK

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## COVID-19 two years in: Four key trends in the state of compliance

17 March 2022

### [PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)

What it means to be compliant today is not what it meant in March 2020.

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## Digital Law Alert

1 March 2022

### [DIGITAL LAW ALERT](#)

Your regular tech law update from DLA Piper UK

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## New US sanctions in response to Russia's actions against Ukraine

23 February 2022

### [GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)

Additional sanctions are expected that will target Russia's financial, technology, and defense sectors.

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## Exploring the metaverse: What laws will apply?

22 February 2022

Like any new foundational technology, the metaverse remains confusing and unknown to many. Writing for *Chambers TMT 2022*, we explore key questions.

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## TCC sees through claim for mandatory injunction to deliver up software – *Transparently Limited -v- Growth Capital Ventures Limited* [2022] EWHC 144 (TCC)

21 February 2022

The recent judgement in *Transparently Limited -v- Growth Capital Ventures Limited* provides important takeaways in relation to technology disputes and in particular, disputes about the delivery up of and rights in unfinished software.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

18 February 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Lawsuit tackles tax treatment of staking rewards; SEC settles with crypto lending platform; emergency measures in Canada affect financial services entities.

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## SEC settles with BlockFi crypto lending platform

18 February 2022

This case provides insight into how the SEC evaluates and will scrutinize crypto lending platforms.

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## The Jarretts raise the stakes

18 February 2022

*Jarrett v. United States* is unlikely to provide clarity.

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## Expert opinion on US surveillance laws highlights FISA risk for data transfers to the US

15 February 2022

Companies from as industries as disparate as hospitality, transportation, shipping, and banking could be considered ECSPs and required to comply with a government request for information that otherwise meets the Section 702 requirements.

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## Mexican labor law amendments impose restrictions on personnel subcontracting

14 February 2022

The changes effectively prohibit employers in Mexico from subcontracting their personnel.

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## Yet more changes in 2022 to California's laws regulating automatic renewals: do your current practices meet the new standard?

7 February 2022

Important signals of California's intent to remain the country's leader in this space and a reminder for companies doing business in one of the world's largest economies to check whether their current practices meet the new standard.

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## SEC chair signals continuing focus on cybersecurity governance

1 February 2022

Two key points.

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## US Congress tries to decode algorithms

27 January 2022

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

Many elected officials (and their staffers) are becoming more familiar with how social media companies operate as a business model.

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## Digital Law Alert

26 January 2022

### [DIGITAL LAW ALERT](#)



## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

25 January 2022

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

The first major enforcement action in the blockchain space provides important insights for developers and operators of DeFi markets; IMF calls for global crypto regulation; FTC issues consumer alert on crypto payment scams.

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## CFTC settles enforcement action against DeFi platform Polymarket

25 January 2022

The first major enforcement action in the blockchain space provides important insights for developers and operators of DeFi markets.

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## 2022 – a busy year for privacy legislation has already started

12 January 2022

Biometric privacy, cybersecurity standards and consumer protection are among the subjects of the bills.

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## Supporting the health of your health system: 2022

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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## Tenth Circuit ruling is victory for FISA Section 702 surveillance authority

3 January 2022

The Tenth Circuit now joins the Ninth and Second Circuits in holding that warrantless 702 surveillance of communications involving a person in the US does not violate the Fourth Amendment.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 December 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Breaking legal news on cryptoassets and cryptocurrency, plus: Google sues to disrupt massive botnet

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## Apache Log4Shell: “greatest vulnerability seen in years”

14 December 2021

Log4Shell allows arbitrary remote code execution on unpatched servers – essentially giving unfettered access to threat actors.

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## Google files groundbreaking civil suit to disrupt massive botnet with blockchain backup system

10 December 2021

Civil actions to take down botnets have been around for years, but the blockchain aspect adds a new twist.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

7 December 2021

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Crypto broker rules become law; federal agencies release “policy sprint” on crypto-assets

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

22 November 2021

#### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Infrastructure bill, including crypto “broker” rules, becomes law.

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### **Infrastructure bill, including crypto “broker” rules, becomes law**

22 November 2021

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### **California Privacy Protection Agency begins an important rulemaking in an accelerated process that is likely to impose AI regulations**

2 November 2021

#### **[AI OUTLOOK](#)**

The CPPA hopes to issue final rules in May 2022, with the rules taking effect in 2023.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

1 November 2021

#### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

NACHA creates a new type of consumer ACH debit authorization.

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### **An unreal issue: Managing IP in the metaverse**

29 October 2021

The metaverse is poised to be the next ‘big thing’ for consumer brands – so what is it and what IP issues should be considered when beginning projects in the metaverse?

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### **ICO’s provisional green light of Gambling Commission’s Single Customer View raises important issues for gambling operators, their officers, and bettors**

26 October 2021

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The ICO has provisionally given the green light of Gambling Commission's Single Customer View which would allow data gathered by gambling operators regarding individual player behaviours to be aggregated and shared with other operators. This article discusses the risks associated.

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## **US and EU pledge to promote “innovative and trustworthy” AI**

19 October 2021

### **AI OUTLOOK**

Key details and recommendations.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

18 October 2021

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

Non-fungible tokens: What are the legal risks?

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## **Man vs Machine: Legal liability in Artificial Intelligence contracts and the challenges that can arise**

7 October 2021

In the second article of this series, we look at the key legal and contractual risk points that businesses using, or supplying, artificial intelligence need to consider .

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## **The global landscape of data privacy: Important points about new laws in three key jurisdictions**

21 September 2021

### **PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE**

New data privacy requirements in three important jurisdictions – the European Union, China, and Brazil – with an emphasis on action steps for compliance officers.

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## **Can an AI system be named the inventor? In wake of EDVA decision, questions remain**

23 September 2021

### **AI OUTLOOK**

Artificial intelligence is notable among the new technologies posing fundamental questions about the viability of the inventor's oath.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

17 September 2021

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

Proposed infrastructure bill would subject cryptocurrencies to wash sale and constructive sale rules.

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## **Proposed infrastructure bill would subject cryptocurrencies to wash sale and constructive sale rules**

17 September 2021

The move comes as part of the Ways and Means Committee's attempt to raise revenue to finance infrastructure spending.

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## Protecting your company from supply chain cyber attacks

September 2021

Today, virtually all companies rely on third-party technical solutions to manage their business. The downside is that incorporating new third-party technology into business operations creates new vectors for cyberattacks.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

7 September 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

CFPB to study electronic disclosures on mobile devices.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

23 August 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

New information reporting requirements for cryptocurrency transactions; CFPB involvement in cryptocurrency oversight; NCUA seeks comments on use of DLT and DeFi by credit unions.

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## Cybersecurity considerations for executives and boards of directors: How recent cyberattack trends and developments inform strategies for reducing cyber-risk

23 August 2021

We review recent trends and costs associated with cyberattacks and analyze how organizations can implement strategies for reducing cyber-risk.

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## Remote notarization is here to stay

4 August 2021

Key developments.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

4 August 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Remote notarization is here to stay.

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## Third time lucky: Triple Point in the Supreme Court

20 July 2021

The Supreme Court has handed down its long awaited decision on the question of whether delay liquidated damages (LD) provisions survive termination. The case related to a dispute between the parties as to how delay LD provisions apply where an English law contract is terminated

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prior to its completion, and the interpretation of contractual wording seeking to limit liability.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

19 July 2021

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

IRS says tax-deferred like-kind exchange is not available for cryptocurrency trades; copyright issues plague NFTs; crypto venture investments continue to accelerate.

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## **Blockchain is spreading its chains**

19 July 2021

Over the past few years, use of blockchain technology has grown, particularly in the financial sector. The most well-known application of blockchain technology is the bitcoin cryptocurrency. Blockchain technology, however, is also expanding rapidly beyond the financial sector.

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## **IRS concludes Section 1031 tax-deferred "like-kind" exchange treatment is not available for cryptocurrency trades**

19 July 2021

It seems reasonable to assume that the IRS will apply its analysis to most cryptocurrencies.

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## **Ransomware preparedness: NYDFS announces additional expectations of regulated entities' cybersecurity programs**

7 July 2021

As regulatees address their vulnerabilities to ransomware, NYDFS raises its expectations.

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## **EDPB's final Recommendations on Supplementary Measures confirm a subjective approach to assessing personal data transfer risks**

2 July 2021

The Recommendations' detailed guidance will be useful to businesses and privacy practitioners as they conduct or update their transfer assessments, but the scope and detail of those assessments will require a sustained effort.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

2 July 2021

### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

With Illinois's adoption of UETA, the US is near full adoption.

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## **What the Biden Cybersecurity Executive Order means for technology vendors and service providers in the federal ecosystem**

June 2021

Steps technology vendors should consider as they prepare.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 June 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Biden tax plan spotlights cryptocurrency transactions; FTC announces spike in cryptocurrency investment scams; El Salvador is first country to adopt bitcoin as legal tender.

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## Whatever your sector, ransomware attacks are changing how to think about platform security risk: Action steps

14 June 2021

In an increasingly digitized economy, creating awareness of platform security risks is critical.

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## European Commission's standard contractual clauses: extensive new requirements coming for US businesses receiving EU personal data subject to GDPR

8 June 2021

Adopting and complying with the New SCCs may require considerable effort for importers, particularly those that are not otherwise directly subject to GDPR.

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## Enforcing a disputed electronic signature – recent case highlights importance of authentication, audit trails, and record management

4 June 2021

The decision reaffirms a long line of cases enforcing electronic signatures where a secure, reliable system, in compliance with the requirements of UETA and the federal E-SIGN Act, is used.

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## Supreme Court significantly limits the scope of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

4 June 2021

The decision will largely gut the CFAA as a tool for addressing insider data theft.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

4 June 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

A Texas Supreme Court decision reaffirms a long line of cases enforcing electronic signatures where a secure, reliable system, in compliance with UETA and the federal E-SIGN Act, is used.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

20 May 2021

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SEC issues Staff Statement on investments in the bitcoin futures market, plus latest legal developments governing the use and acceptance of blockchain technology, smart contracts and digital assets.

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## **NHTSA moves to repeal regulatory preemption of state auto emissions regulation, advancing Biden plans to dramatically reduce US greenhouse gas emissions**

19 May 2021

The move is a substantial step away from Trump Administration policies on GHG emissions.

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## **President Biden issues broad-ranging Executive Order on cybersecurity**

13 May 2021

The EO sets forth new requirements for federal agencies and government service providers.

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## **IBM's spinoff: key contractual considerations for existing IBM clients**

3 May 2021

This is not the first time a technology company has decided to streamline its operations through a spinoff, but this particular spinoff raises interesting contractual issues.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

30 April 2021

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

In a key ruling on the TCPA, the Supreme Court narrows the definition of ATDS.

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## **Tips and tricks: Dealing with third-party vendors in IT agreements**

26 April 2021

Many companies engage suppliers to deliver IT services. Whereas many years ago, most suppliers provided services on the basis of their own capabilities, systems and solutions, the situation today is significantly different.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

23 April 2021

### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

SEC revises token safe harbor proposal; UK updates tax treatment of cryptoassets.

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## **US government announces sweeping sanctions against Russia**

16 April 2021

### **[GLOBAL SANCTIONS ALERT](#)**

The newly imposed sanctions represent a significant escalation and addition to the sanctions architecture put in place by the Obama and Trump Administrations.

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## Latest regulatory changes reduce burden for software and technology companies under US export controls

6 April 2021

Revisions to the US Export Administration Regulations implement changes to Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.

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## So you want to go digital...

April 2021

This article assists businesses in identifying the core issues that must be addressed to ensure the legal sufficiency of transactions conducted on eSignature platforms.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

2 April 2021

### [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Continuing the digital transformation into 2021.

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## Outsourcing and Third Party Risk Management – the PRA's Supervisory Statements

1 April 2021

### [INSURANCE HORIZONS](#)

After a period of some anticipation, the PRA has this week issued two new Supervisory Statements and associated policy statements, the first on Operational Resilience and the second on Outsourcing.

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## Non-fungible tokens: Emerging issues in the emerging marketplace

30 March 2021

Any digital asset, or a right in an underlying asset, can be tokenized to make an NFT.

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## Understanding the USPTO guidance on patenting AI technologies

30 March 2021

The USPTO guidance opens the door for applicants to obtain patent protection for their AI technologies.

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## United States imposes significant new export controls and sanctions on Russia and China

23 March 2021

Reflecting a further hardening of US foreign policy and national security policy positions with those two countries.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends



22 March 2021

## [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Wyoming moves to clarify legal status of DAOs; court dismisses class action against a cryptocurrency exchange.

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### **Wyoming takes a step ahead to clarify the legal status of decentralized autonomous organizations**

22 March 2021

If the bill becomes official law, Wyoming will be the first US state to clarify the legal status of a DAO.

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### **Legislators and regulators continue to support digital transformation**

26 February 2021

Endorsing the movement towards digital transformation.

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### **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

26 February 2021

## [ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

How legislatures and regulators endorse the movement towards digital transformation.

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### **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

25 February 2021

## [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Canada's AML regime amendments: is your interactive entertainment service or platform operating a "money service business"?

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### **Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition**

16 February 2021

We are proud to launch our latest publication, Outsourcing: A Practical Guide, Second Edition. This book is a fully updated edition of the key text on outsourcing, written by our market-leading Global Technology and Sourcing team.

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### **Announced, proposed and implemented: Developments in Digital Services Tax in key European jurisdictions**

9 February 2021

While the OECD and G20 work toward a global agreement on digital services taxes, some European countries have forged ahead on their own.

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### **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of France's DST**

9 February 2021

The French definition of "taxable service" under the DST differs from the definition of "taxable services" as used for VAT purposes.

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## **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Italy's DST**

9 February 2021

The Italian DST applies only to revenues deriving from the provision of tax-relevant digital services linked to Italian-located users.

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## **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of Spain's DST**

9 February 2021

The annual worldwide revenue threshold is not limited to revenues generated by the provision of digital services, meaning that non-tech businesses may also need to comply.

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## **Announced, proposed and implemented: Key features of the United Kingdom's DST**

9 February 2021

The UK's DST is intended to be an interim measure pending a long-term global solution to the tax challenges arising from digitalization.

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## **CFPB Taskforce on Federal Consumer Financial Law proposes changes to ESIGN**

5 February 2021

The CFPB looks at the consumer consent requirements triggered when information must be provided or made available to a consumer "in writing."

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

5 February 2021

### **[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

The CFPB looks at "in writing" consumer consent requirements; plus reports on new federal and state laws and regulatory activities and fresh judicial precedent.

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## **Supreme Court dives into circuit split over the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act**

28 January 2021

What does it mean to "exceed authorized access" to an Internet-connected device?

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

22 January 2021

### **[BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)**

Looking at the OCC's guidance on stablecoins.

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## The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Implications for technology services

11 January 2021

The TCA includes a chapter relating to digital services which provides some key details relevant to both providers and customers of technology-related services.

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## Supporting the health of your health system

4 January 2021

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 December 2020

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CFPB finalizes additional requirements regarding debt collection – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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New Jersey seeks to regulate digital asset business activity through a mandatory licensing framework.

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## Who's responsible for content posted on the Internet? Section 230, explained

22 December 2020

What the law does, what people are saying it should do, and what might happen next.

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## Landmark artificial intelligence legislation advances toward becoming law

16 December 2020

### [AI OUTLOOK](#)

An overview of the key AI initiatives and funding set out in the defense bill.

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## US DOT issues groundbreaking proposals for regulation of automated driving systems, seeks input

11 December 2020

The rulemaking initiates an important new chapter in autonomous vehicle development and commercialization in the US.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

3 December 2020

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CFPB finalizes debt collection rules, addressing use of electronic communications; court finds no private right of action under ESIGN; plus

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latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends**

23 November 2020

### **BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS**

IMF issues report on regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs, SEC invites feedback on application of custody rule to digital assets.

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## **Regulatory framework for CBDs and GSCs: IMF's policy paper, "Digital Money Across Borders: Macro-Financial Implications"**

23 November 2020

The Report discusses the pros and cons of two important virtual currencies: central bank digital currencies and global stable coins.

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## **SEC invites feedback on application of Custody Rule to digital assets**

23 November 2020

Specifically, Staff is asking whether non-depository firms such as state-chartered trust companies can act as qualified custodians for digital assets.

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## **Schrems II: The next chapter – EDPB issues recommendations on supplementary measures for transfers of personal data to the US, European essential guarantees for surveillance measures**

13 November 2020

The measures could have significant impacts on international data transfers, particularly those between Europe and the US, which drive over a trillion dollars in trade every year.

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## **Electronic signature hygiene – taking steps to help ensure that your electronic signature process allows you to enforce a disputed signature**

2 November 2020

Two recent cases show the importance of developing a clear, enforceable electronic signature process.

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## **eSignature and ePayment News and Trends**

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### **ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS**

Electronic signature hygiene – does your electronic signature process allow you to enforce a disputed signature? Plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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## **Edwards Lifesciences v. Meril Life Sciences: Another ripple in the Safe Harbor?**

26 October 2020

Navigating the contours of the Safe Harbor provision in view of recent Federal Circuit decisions will be a complicated, uncertain process.

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## Blockchain and Digital Assets News and Trends

21 October 2020

### [BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL ASSETS NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

SDNY finds Kin token is a security; unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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### SEC wins summary judgment that Kin token is a security

21 October 2020

The decision underscores that many of the proposed arguments that digital tokens are not securities will be unsuccessful.

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### Unpacking the DOJ's cryptocurrency guidance: Enforcement priorities and industry implications

15 October 2020

A warning to offshore cryptocurrency exchanges and other money services businesses operating outside of the reach of US authorities.

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### California legislation and recent stockholder derivative suits push for more board diversity

7 October 2020

California's latest diversity law follows a new wave of shareholder derivative actions attacking the lack of racial diversity in corporate leadership.

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### Into the unknown: DoD's long-awaited cybersecurity rule leaves critical questions unanswered

5 October 2020

The rule leaves open a number of critical questions.

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### Recognized as a top outsourcing advisor and for excellence in strategic partnerships

30 September 2020

Recognition from the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

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### Regulator strategies for encouraging innovation may be more relevant as firms move to digital offerings

30 September 2020

Seeking to promote innovation by giving financial firms more opportunities and compliance flexibility to try new technologies, practices and methods.

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## eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

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CFPB seeks to promote innovation by giving financial firms more opportunities and compliance flexibility to try new technologies, practices and methods – plus latest legal, regulatory and case law developments.

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**Law à la Mode: Beauty Trends: 5 Key Beauty M&A deals; Street art and fashion; Word from the industry's mouth; The rise in innovative retail services; and more**

20 MAY 2019

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**Law à la Mode: Word of the industry's mouth; Enforcement of IP rights through Ukrainian customs register; E-commerce in Poland; The development of artificial intelligence in the fashion industry; and more**

26 NOV 2018

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The US editorial team is delighted to bring you the 27th edition of *Law à la Mode*, the legal magazine produced by DLA Piper's Retail Sector Group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

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**California mandates female board directors for publicly held companies**

1 OCT 2018

California becomes the first state in the US to mandate gender diversity in the corporate boardroom, but the law may face legal challenges.

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20 DEC 2017

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The Asia Pacific editorial team is delighted to bring you the 24th edition of Law à la Mode, the quarterly legal magazine published by DLA Piper's Retail Sector group for clients and contacts of the firm worldwide.

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### **Women in IP Law: panel examines divided infringement, cyber-risk**

20 DEC 2016

High points from a CLE panel discussion about cutting-edge issues in the IPT space.

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### **Cybersecurity: past is prologue**

29 MAR 2016

During 2016, we will likely see another increase in cyberattacks, and we will see cybersecurity being taken more seriously by its potential victims.

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### **US companies: EU data regulation means new oversight**

2 DEC 2015

Many US companies are about to experience new regulatory oversight.

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### **NYDFS announces final cybersecurity rules for financial services sector: key takeaways**

22 FEB 2017

The Final Rule's reach is very broad and presents operational challenges. It may prompt other states to enact their own rules.

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### **Opportunity for temporary duty suspension or reduction - submit petitions for Miscellaneous Tariff Bills to ITC by 12/12/16**

1 NOV 2016

Interim rules governing the petition process and a web portal – the MTB Petition System – to facilitate submission of duty suspension requests.

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### **EU: new obligations for digital services providers and operators of essential services**

28 JUN 2016

In line with the EU's broader Cyber Security Strategy, the NIS Directive is a significant step towards a more secure cross-border cyberspace with a high shared level of network and information system security.

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### **The blockchain revolution, smart contracts and financial transactions**

26 APR 2016

Blockchain-based smart contracts have enormous potential to streamline financial transactions and reduce counterparty risks.

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### **Plan now to use off-band communications during an incident response: key points**

27 OCT 2015

A robust IR plan should include communications techniques that operate outside regular company communication methods.

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### Law à la Mode - Edition 14

24 OCT 2014

#### [LAW À LA MODE](#)

A quarterly e-magazine from our Fashion, Retail & Design Group with the latest industry news, comment and legal updates, with a particular focus on technology in this edition.

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### A new test for Mexico's structural changes: antitrust reform – key points in one chart

16 JUN 2014

This entirely new framework should be carefully analyzed by investors in structuring their Mexico-related M&A transactions and managing their existing operations

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13 MAY 2014

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### Law à la Mode

20 SEP 2012

#### [LAW À LA MODE](#)

This issue of Law à la Mode is brought to you by our German editorial team, in the midst of a month in which fashion capitals around the globe are enjoying Fashion Week S/S 2013.

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### Practical ways to deal with defamation and brand disparagement on the web

26 AUG 2011

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### Tech for Execs: Blockchain for Business

8 December 2020 | 12:00 - 1:00 CST

Webinar



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## Planning for an Uncertain World

16 November 2020  
TechLaw Event Series  
Webinar

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## The new European Electronic Communications Code and technology companies

1 October 2020 | 9:00 – 10:00 PDT  
Webinar

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## Sustainability and ESG: A case study on Timberland's strategic alliance in Haiti

28 September 2020  
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### DLA Piper advises Green Mountain on acquisition of London data centre

29 June 2022  
DLA Piper has advised Azrieli Group Limited (Azrieli) and Norwegian-based Green Mountain AS (Green Mountain), a leader in sustainable colocation data centres, on the GBP52 million acquisition of an established data centre and available adjacent land in Romford, London. The purchase represents Green Mountain's entry into the UK market.

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### DLA Piper advises UK's Ministry of Defence on GBP460 million contract with Boeing Defence UK

4 February 2022  
DLA Piper has advised the UK's Ministry of Defence on the conclusion of a new five year GBP460 million contract with Boeing Defence UK, extending existing arrangements for a logistics system critical to UK Armed Forces operations worldwide.

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### DLA Piper lawyers ranked in Chambers FinTech 2022

13 December 2021  
DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm received 19 firm rankings and 14 individual lawyer rankings in the *Chambers FinTech 2022* guide.

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### **DLA Piper recognized for sixth consecutive year as a top global outsourcing advisor**

30 August 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that the firm has been selected for the 2021 Best of the World's Best Outsourcing Advisors list by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals (IAOP).

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### **DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500***

17 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 42 individual lawyer rankings and 49 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 United States 2021* guide.

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### **DLA Piper shortlisted for five *Mergermarket* North America M&A Awards**

4 May 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that it has been shortlisted for five *Mergermarket* North America M&A Awards.

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### **DLA Piper boosts technology practice with partner hire in Australia**

20 April 2021

DLA Piper announces that Anthony Lloyd joined the firm as partner in its Australian Intellectual Property and Technology practice on 19 April 2021. Anthony, who will be based in DLA Piper's Sydney office, joins with extensive experience advising on major technology, media and communications projects across Asia, the US and Europe.

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### **DLA Piper bolsters corporate and commercial capability in South Africa with the appointment of André Visser**

15 January 2021

DLA Piper has appointed André Visser as a director of its corporate practice in Johannesburg. André has over 24 years of corporate and commercial experience advising local and international clients across a range of sectors including technology, consumer goods, agriculture, financial services and real estate.

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